

Appl. No.: 09/772,504
Amdt. Dated: 03/14/2005
Off. Act. Dated: 12/13/2004

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and discussion presented herein.

1. **Objection to Drawings.**

The Examiner requested that FIG. 1-4 and 6 be designated by a legend such as --Prior Art--. In response, the Applicant has enclosed replacement sheets that have been amended by adding the phrase "(PRIOR ART)" as requested by the Examiner.

2. **Rejection of Claims for Obviousness-Type Double Patenting.**

The Examiner made the following obvious-type double patenting rejections:

- (a) Claims 1-22 based on U.S. Patent Nos. 6,757,495; 6,757,496; and 6,757,549;
- (b) Claims 1, 9, 17 and 22 based on U.S. Patent No. 6,819,666;
- (c) Claims 1-5, 9-13, 17-18 and 22 based on U.S. Patent No. 6,757,497; and
- (d) Claims 1-2, 9-10, 17-18 and 22 based on U.S. Patent No. 6,754,450.

In response, the Applicant has enclosed a terminal disclaimer of the instant application based on all of the foregoing patents except for U.S. Patent 6,757,549. That patent number is in error and has no relationship to the instant application. The Applicant believes that the Examiner meant to indicate U.S. Patent No. 6,760,549 and, therefore, the terminal disclaimer references that patent instead.

3. **Conclusion.**

Based on the foregoing, the Applicant respectfully requests that the various grounds for rejection in the Office Action be reconsidered and withdrawn, and that a Notice of Allowance be issued for the present Application to pass to issuance. In the event any further matters remain at issue with respect to the present Application, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner please contact the undersigned below

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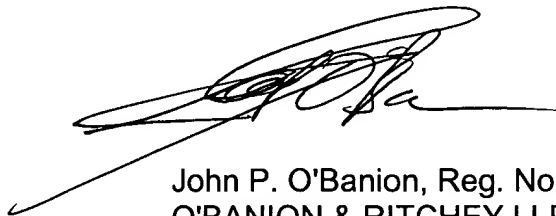
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at the telephone number indicated in order to discuss such matter prior to the next action on the merits of this Application.

Date: 3/14/05

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John P. O'Banion', with a long horizontal line extending to the left.

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Attachment

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Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached sheets of drawings includes changes to FIG. 2-4 and 6. The enclosed replacement sheets have been amended by adding the phrase "(PRIOR ART)" as requested by the Examiner. Please substitute these sheets for the corresponding drawing sheets originally filed.

Attachment: Replacement Sheets (5)